

SIMETHIS-Flore-CBNMed - Database of Southeastern France vegetation

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Abbreviations: CBNMed: Conservatoire National Méditerranéen.

Keywords

France, Mediterranean, relevé, submediterranean, vegetation database

GIVD Fact Sheet

GIVD Database ID: EU-FR-006		Last update: 2022-03-30
SIMETHIS-Flore-CBNMed		Web address: http://simethis.eu
Database manager(s): Guilhem De Barros (g.debarros@cbnmed.fr); Virgile Noble (v.noble@cbnmed.fr)		
Owner: Information about data owners of each relevé is available upon request. Most of the data are public but some are private.		
Scope: The database contains published and unpublished floristic occurrences and vegetation relevés from Southeastern France (Pyrénées-Orientales, Aude, Hérault, Gard, Lozère, Vaucluse, Bouches-du-Rhône, Var & Alpes-Maritimes departments). The data is collected or digitized as part of the Conservatoire Botanique National Méditerranéen (CBNMed) activities. It includes contextual and ecological information in addition to the actual relevés.		
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Availability: according to a specific agreement	Online upload: no	Online search: no
Database format(s): PostgreSQL	Export format(s): CSV file, plain text file	
Plot type(s): normal plots	Plot-size range (m²): 0.5 to 10000	
Non-overlapping plots: 19315	Estimate of existing plots: 19315	Completeness: 100%
Total no. of plot observations: 19315	Number of sources (biblioreferences, data collectors): 310	Status: ongoing capture
Countries (%): FR: 100	Valid taxa: 5128	
Formations:		
Guilds: all vascular plants: 100%; bryophytes (terricolous or aquatic): 3%; lichens (terricolous or aquatic): 1%; algae (terricolous or aquatic): 2%		
Environmental data (%): altitude: 73; slope aspect: 52; slope inclination: 22; surface cover other than plants (open soil, litter, bare rock etc.): 4		
Performance measure(s): presence/absence only: 3%; cover: 97%		
Geographic localisation: GPS coordinates (precision 25 m or less): 64%; point coordinates less precise than GPS, up to 1 km: 31%; political units or only on a coarser scale (above 10 km): 3%		
Sampling periods: before 1920: 0.1%; 1920-1929: 0.3%; 1930-1939: 3%; 1940-1949: 2%; 1950-1959: 4%; 1960-1969: 3%; 1970-1979: 16%; 1980-1989: 3%; 1990-1999: 4%; 2000-2009: 12%; 2010-2019: 50%; unknown: 0.1%		
<i>Information as of 2022-03-30; further details and future updates available from http://www.givd.info/ID/EU-FR-006</i>		

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